

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A go-kart chest protective device comprising:
  - a. a shirt garment; and
  - b. a protective element affixed to said shirt garment, said protective element being fabricated from an impact resistant material and formed to have a configuration operative to selectively define a protective barrier over the clavicle bones, sternum and frontal portion of the rib cage of an individual when said individual wears said shirt garment.
2. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said shirt garment is fashioned as a long sleeved garment.
3. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said shirt garment is fashioned as a short-sleeved garment.
4. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said shirt garment is fashioned as a vest type garment.
5. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said shirt garment is fabricated from a material selected from the group consisting of a natural material and a synthetic material.
6. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said garment material is provided with a single layer of material extending across the back of said wearer when worn thereby.
7. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said protective element is fabricated from hardened plastic.
8. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said protective element is fabricated from a compressive foam material.
9. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein the protective element is fabricated from a shell of hardened plastic having a foam material disposed therebehind.
10. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said protective element is further operative to extend about the upper abdomen of the individual when said shirt garment is worn by said individual.
11. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said protective element is stitched to said shirt garment.

12. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said protective element is adhesively attached to said shirt garment.

13. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 6 wherein said protective element is further provided with recessed portions extending toward the pectoralis major of said individual wearing said shirt garment.

14. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 13 wherein said protective element further includes rearwardly extending side wall portions operative to provide a protective barrier approximately about the eighth to twelfth ribs of said individual.

15. The go-kart chest protective device of Claim 1 wherein said protective element is detachably fastenable to said shirt garment.